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STATE DEPT FOR PAUL CANNEY, SCANDINAVIAN DESK

ATTENTION: ASS'T ADMINISTRATOR, INTERNATIONAL TRADE POLICY,
INTERNATIONAL MARKETING DIRECTOR, FRUIT AND VEGETABLE, AND
SPECIAL PROJECTS DIVISION

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAGR, SW

SUBJECT: SWEDISH RIKSDAG'S PROPOSAL RE PESTICIDE RESIDUE CONTROLS
ON IMPORTED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

REF: SW-5021, SW-5022, FASTO 101, TOFAS 121, TOFAS 128, AND
STATE 228928

TOFAS 130. EMBASSY APPRECIATES ADVICE IN STATE 228928 AND
WILL ACT ACCORDINGLY. MUCH OF THE ACTION DISCUSSED THEREIN
HAS ALREADY BEEN TAKEN IN INFORMAL MEETINGS PREVIOUSLY
REPORTED.

MEANWHILE, EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED LETTER FROM HOLGER NYSTROM,
HEAD OF SWEDISH FRUIT AND VEGETABLE IMPORTERS ASSOCIATION,
INFORMING THAT MEETING BETWEEN IMPORTERS AND MINISTER OF
AGRICULTURE SVANTE LUNDKVIST WILL TAKE PLACE DECEMBER 10.
TO AID IMPORTERS IN THAT MEETING, NYSTROM MAKES FOLLOWING
REQUEST:

"IN ORDER TO CLARIFY THE SITUATION IT WOULD, HOWEVER, BE
MOST VALUABLE TO HAVE YOUR INFORMATION IF THERE EXISTS IN
YOUR COUNTRY AN AUTHORITY WHICH CAN ISSUE CERTIFICATES
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STATING THAT EACH CONSIGNMENT OF FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

EXPORTED FROM YOUR COUNTRY TO SWEDEN IS CONTROLLED AND FOUND NOT TO HAVE RESIDUES OF PESTICIDES EXCEEDING THE SWEDISH STIPULATIONS. WE HAVE THE FEELING THAT IN PRACTICALLY ALL THE COUNTRIES EXPORTING TO SWEDEN, NO SUCH POSSIBILITIES EXIST FOR THE TIME BEING. IF AN ORDER WOULD BE INTRODUCED AS REQUESTED BY THE SWEDISH PARLIAMENT, WE ARE UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT THIS WOULD MEAN THE NECESSITY FOR CREATING A NEW AUTHORITY IN YOUR COUNTRY."

ACTION REQUESTED: AGRICULTURE IS REQUESTED TO SUPPLY INFORMATION AS OUTLINED BY NYSTROM. THIS LETTER HAS PROBABLY BEEN SENT TO EMBASSIES OF SEVERAL COUNTRIES. NYSTROM IS APPARENTLY SEEKING INFORMATION WHICH WOULD SHOW THE IMPRACTICABILITY OF PROPOSAL MADE BY THE RIKSDAG. INFORMATION WILL BE MOST USEFUL IF WRITTEN FOR SWEDISH READERS WHO ARE NOT FAMILIAR WITH US INSTITUTIONS.
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